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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 3 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Balogh, Aristotle N
487 East Middlefield Road

Mountain View, CA 94043
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
1/27/2003
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VeriSign, Inc. (VRSN)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President,
Operations and Infrastructure
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3) D or I	4) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
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Table II Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4) Conversion or exercise price of Derivative Security	5) Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct(D) or Indirect(I)	6) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	08/04/03	Common Stock	8,600	\$7.8930	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	05/24/09	Common Stock	50,000	\$10.0800	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	08/16/04	Common Stock	4,250	\$27.6170	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/30/03	Common Stock	301	\$30.4360	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	04/20/04	Common Stock	10,535	\$42.7910	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	06/23/07	Common Stock	47,320	\$149.2500	D	Direct
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	06/23/07	Common Stock	2,680	\$149.2500	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)
1,340 options are exercisable immediately, 670 options will vest and become exercisable on December 23, 2003 and 670 options will vest and become exercisable on June 23, 2004.

(2)
Immediately

(3)
25% of the total options granted vest and become exercisable one year after the date of grant and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter until fully vested.

(4)
2,150 options are exercisable immediately and 2,150 options will vest and become exercisable on August 17, 2003.

(5)

7,525 options are exercisable immediately and 3,010 options will vest and become exercisable on April 21, 2003.

(6)

29,910 options are exercisable immediately, 11830 options will vest and become exercisable on December 23, 2003 and 5,580 options will vest and become exercisable on June 23, 2004.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact
For: Aristotle N. Balogh

DATE 01/27/03